

National Indian Group Backs Native Land Bill

At its annual convention at Portland Oregon on October 2-6, the National Congress of American Indians of the United States unanimously passed a resolution supporting the Alaska Federation of Natives proposed land bill

S-2020 introduced by Senator Ernest Gruening last June.

The Executive Committee of the NCAI assured the AFN delegation that every effort will be made through its Congressional delegation to get prompt attention to this bill.

The members of the committee voiced strong feelings in regard to Alaska's participation at the convention.

In his address, NCAI-President Wendell Chino urged all Alaskan native associations and villages to support the statewide Alaska Federation of Natives organization.

Chino said that a united front has always proved most successful. He said that NCAI pledges full support to

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the last frontier native people in their endeavor to receive democratic justice in regard to native rights.

The Alaska delegation to the convention were: Don Wright, president of the Cook Inlet Native Association; Seraphim Stephan, Chief of Tyonek, Eddie Krot o, Elsie Evans, also of Tyonek; John Borbridge of Anchorage; and John Smith of Metlakatla.

Stanley McCutcheon and Clifford Groh, attorneys for Tyonek and other native associations, also attended the convention. McCutcheon made an excellent presentation on the Alaska land situation which was nationally publicized.

Over 890 delegates representing 99 tribes across the United States attended the Portland NCAI Portland convention.